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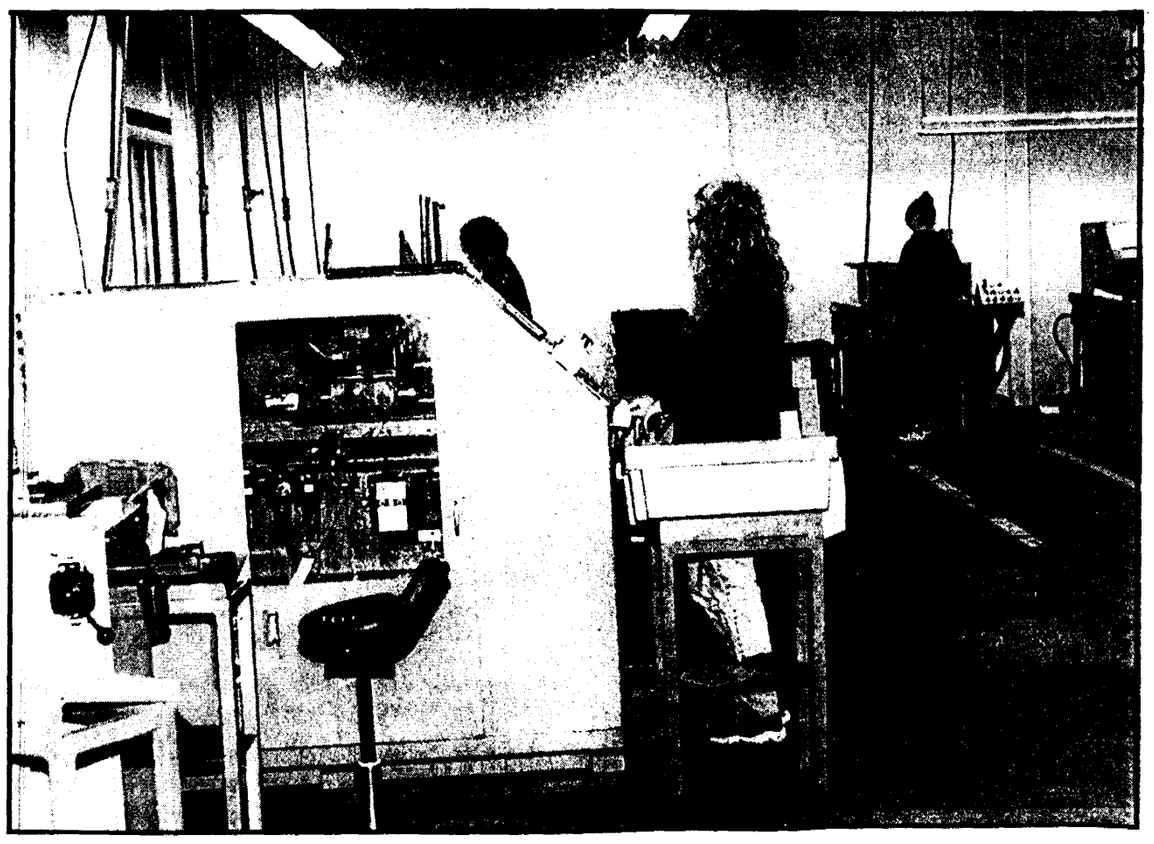

MILLENNIUM Industries has announced plans to acquire a British manufacturing company and to build a new, 80,000-square-foot facility in the Thumb. Above, employees operate end form machines at Millennium Tubular Products in Cass City.

Millennium

Officials announce merger, plans to build

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

A corporation with ties to Cass City is welcoming the new millennium with plans for prosperity.

Officials with the Auburn-based Millennium Industries last week announced plans to acquire Shalibane Plc., a British company with manufacturing facilities in Camberley, Coventry, Plymouth and Halifax, England.

The merger will double the size of Millennium Industries' workforce to about 600 people, and company officials are planning to build a new facility in the Thumb, creating an estimated 100 jobs.

Millennium Industries, a company established by several businessmen, including 3 in the Cass City area, was incorporated in early 1998 and currently employs more than 300 people.

The principals include Gary Vollmar, who serves as president of Millennium Industries and oversees operation of the corporation's 160,000-square-foot steel fuel rail manufacturing plant in Ligonier, Ind., which was purchased from Walbro Corporation 2 years ago; Kelly Smith, owner of Kelly & Co., Cass City; and Bob Bredemeyer, president of Millennium Micro EDM, formerly Micro EDM, in Cass City.

Millennium Industries, which also has an engineering and design center in Lapeer, manufactures automotive fuel rails, power steering reservoirs, metal stamping and tubular products. precision screw machine components and fuel injection components.

The corporation has 2 operations in Cass City, including Millennium Tubular Products, which is located in the former Walbro tool room next to McDonald's. The local plants have a combined work force that has grown from 20 employees in 1998 to 40 in 1999.

Millennium Industries will purchase a 29.9 percent interest in Shalibane Plc. at a cost of 850,000 pounds by the end of this month, according to Millennium spokesman Gus Pluss, who said Shalibane and Millennium Industries are contemplating a complete merger by December 2000.

"Upon completion of the merger, consolidated sales will approximate $80 to $90 million (and) employees will number 600-plus," he noted, adding the transaction will create a global organization with "significant market share in its core products."

Which is expected to result in a significant economic boost for the community chosen to host the company's new plant.

"Millennium Industries recognizes the benefits of operating in the Thumb and is currently reviewing potential locations for expansion of its EDM (electrical discharge machining), tube fabrication, precision screw machining, CNC machining, brazing and

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Fatal accident claims third Caro resident

A fatal car accident early Friday morning about 3 miles south of Unionville has claimed a third victim.

Scott Leslie Salgat, 23, of Caro, died Sunday afternoon at St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw, a hospital spokeswoman reported.

Salgat's brother, Jeffrey Alan Salgat, 21, Caro, and another Caro resident, Jay Joseph Stoick, 22, also died as a result of injuries suffered when the vehicle they were riding in failed to stop at an intersection and rolled several times.

An arrest warrant has been issued for the driver, Curtis James Kuhl, 22, Caro, who suffered only minor injuries, according to Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies, who said the 4 men were friends and had attended school together.

The accident was reported at 1:35 a.m. Deputies said a vehicle was westbound on Dickerson Road at a high rate of speed, and that the driver failed to stop at M-24 and lost control of the vehicle.

Stoick, who was ejected from the vehicle, was transported by Fairgrove Ambulance to Bay Medical Center and died a short time later. Jeffrey Salgat, who was trapped in the vehicle, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Scott Salgat was also ejected from the vehicle. He was transported to Caro Community Hospital for treatment and then taken by FlightCare Helicopter to St. Mary's Medical Center in Saginaw.

Kuhl, who was home on leave from the U.S. Air Force at the time of the crash, was lodged in the Tuscola County Jail. He was later released on a $50,000 personal recognizance bond.

Tuscola County Undersheriff Jim Jashinske said a warrant has been issued in the case. The warrant requested that Kuhl be charged with 2 counts each of manslaughter with a motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor – causing death.

Each offense carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison, according to Jashinske, who said additional charges related to Scott Salgat's death are expected. Kuhl is scheduled to be arraigned Jan. 11 at 10 a.m.

Deputies are continuing their investigation of the accident. Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro, Unionville Fire Department, Fairgrove Fire Department Jaws of Life, Akron-Columbia-Wisner Ambulance, and Fairgrove Ambulance assisted them at the scene.

In fall from ice wagon

Amish boy killed Saturday

A weekend accident claimed the life of a Cass City area Amish boy. It was the second tragedy in 16 months for the same family.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Bad Axe identified the victim as 8-year-old Jonas Miller, son of Levi E. and Elmina J. Miller.

The accident was reported Saturday at 10:30 a.m. on Bach Road, about one-half mile west of Moore Road in Grant Township. Troopers said Jonas was attempting to board a moving horse-drawn ice wagon driven by his father when he lost his grip and fell under a rear wheel.

Reports indicate the youngster, a second grade student at Huronline Country School, died as a result of head injuries.

The Miller family suffered the loss of another child in October 1998, when a daughter, Ellen L. Miller, 13, died at St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw, following complications from a softball accident.

Troopers were assisted at the scene by the Elkton and Central Huron Ambulance services.

Y(awn)2K -- fear fizzles over the Millennium Bug

Tuscola County Emergency Services Director Patrick H. Finn was plenty busy Friday night, but not because of any problems associated with the so-called Y2K or Millennium Bug.

In fact, Finn spent much of his time involved in communication checks with various police agencies, fire departments and other emergency response organizations, along with making regular reports to the Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division in Lansing.

Thankfully, those reports remained positive. In short, everything was okay in Tuscola County as Dec. 31, 1999, became Jan. 1, 2000.

Months of preparations to monitor any possible problems related to the start of the new year paid off, according to Finn, who said there were a couple of minor computer glitches, but they were not related to Y2K.

Similar stories were reported statewide, nationally and globally as the new year began arriving across the world Friday and into Saturday.

The concerns – ranging from potential loss of electricity and phone service to lost financial records and other problems — centered on computer technology and whether computers would incorrectly read the new year as 1900 instead of 2000.

However, those fears, at least in the short term, quickly faded over the weekend.

"It was pretty much an uneventful evening," commented Finn, who remained on the job through the early morning hours Saturday, conducting radio checks and filing reports with the State Emergency Operations Center. "I think around 2 o-clock everybody else went home. It went fast. Believe me, it went real fast," he added.

"Everything went fantastic," Finn said. "Some

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Fire department eyes new "jaws"

Elkland Township Fire Department officials are on a mission to raise enough money to purchase a new set of Jaws of Life.

The cost: about $15,000.

The value: priceless.

"They are an excellent tool. I wouldn't be without them," said Fire Chief Ron Pawloski. "As far as I'm concerned, you can't put a price on what they're worth, because I've seen what they can do.

"(The jaws) we presently have were purchased back in 1982, so they're 17, 18 years old," he noted. "It's getting more and more difficult trying to get parts for it. In fact, I've been waiting for a pin for almost 2 months now.

"They've been a good set, but they're getting old."

They are also bulky and heavy – weighing 150 pounds or more – prompting local fire fighters to dub them the "widow maker". "When you've used them for a while, you're through," Pawloski quipped.

Still, Pawloski lauded his department's use of the equipment. "The fire fighters are excellent with them – they know what they're doing," he said. "We have training with them twice a year."

The Jaws of Life are actually 2 separate hydraulic tools. The cutters can remove the roof of a car almost as easily as opening a can of beans, and the jaws are used to pry off hinges and force apart heavy pieces of metal. Also on Pawloski's wish list is a set of hydraulic rams that help emergency personnel more quickly reach an injured and trapped motorist.

The tools all have one thing in common: they buy precious minutes, enabling fire fighters and ambulance crews to save lives by extri-

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Sand Valley students rekindle memories

28 former students of one-room school house gather for reunion

School days, school days, good ole golden rule days, readin' and writin' and 'rithmetic, taught to the tune of a hickory stick. . .

Students who attended Sand Valley Elementary recently gathered at the Charmont in Cass City not for a "class" reunion but a "school" reunion of all those who attended the little one-room country school house, reminiscent of "Little House on the Prairie".

Sand Valley acquired its name because it was cushioned in a valley of sand with woods surrounding the school grounds on 2 sides, according to former student Marie DuRussel.

"During recess, some teachers allowed students to go into the woods to pick wintergreen berries and leaves, piling these on their desks and eating them during school hours," she said. "This was the only time of the year students were permitted to eat anything during class hours."

According to an affidavit filed July 31, 1959, in Tuscola County, former student Bernie Bradshaw, then 86, recalled attending a primary school around 1879 or 1880, and that the school was known as Sand Valley of Elkland Township.

The school was located on approximately one acre of land in the southeast corner of the southwest one-quarter of the southwest one-quarter of Section 36, Town 14 North, Range 11 East (Elkland Township, Tuscola County). Bradshaw stated he believed that the school was organized in 1874, and that on or about April 1957, the Sand Valley School District was annexed to the Cass City Public School system by a vote of electors of the school district.

"The schoolhouse had a large furnace in the front right corner and in the cold months, a student was assigned to arrive early to build a fire, warming the building before the other children ar-

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SAND VALLEY students who recently gathered for a reunion in Cass City are (back row, left) Ben Gruber, Glen Churchill, Kenneth Klinkman, Pete Shagena, (second row, left) Elaine Pope, Clarence Churchill, Nick DuRussel, Bill Hacker, Kathy Tuckey, Connie Schwaderer, Karen Otis, Bob Shagena, Carolyn Parker, Amy Churchill, Marie DuRussel, (third row, left) Lawrence Bartle, Lance Robinson, Teacher Ms. Howell, Dorothy Taylor, Helen Churchill, Ruth Shagena, (front row, left) Raymond Windy, Joseph Windy, Henry Nolan and Ralph Robinson.

Pillsbury honored

Crystal Marie Pillsbury has been named Owendale-Gagetown Schools' senior "Student of the Month" for December.

She has played junior varsity basketball and volleyball and has been a member of the varsity softball team. She was a class representative on the Snowball Court as a sophomore. She has also participated in Business Professionals of America, and is currently a nail model for VICA (Vocabulary Industrialized Clubs of America).

Pillsbury is the daughter of Robert and Tammie Pillsbury of Sebewaing.

Crystal Marie Pillsbury

Her future plans are to finish cosmetology classes at the Huron Area Tech Center, attend Delta College to complete a business degree in cosmetology, and then further her studies to become a skin esthetician.

Thumb dancers to meet

The Sandusky Thumb Dancers will hold its next open dance at the Sandusky Maple Valley School Saturday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Music will be by Lighthouse.

Everyone is welcome. Bring finger food and friends.

Cass City Social Item

Call your local news to the Chronicle office 872-2010

Mrs. Marion McClorey, Beverly and George Frank and Mary Damm visited Dick and Linda Barron and Beatrice Cellner in Shelby Township Thursday, Dec. 30.

It's a boy!

Lisa and Scott Stephenson announce the birth of a son, Alexander Lloyd Stephenson, Dec. 15, 1999. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21 3/4 inches long.

Great-grandmothers are Eloise Dorsch of Owendale, Lilian Rupp of Florida and Mona Ritchie of Lincoln, Mich.

Grandparents are Donald Dorsch of Owendale, Katheran Dorsch of Midland, Allen Stephenson of East Tawas, and Rena Stephenson of East Tawas.

Meg's Peg

Ms Santa

by Melva E. Guinther

Christmas is over and Santa Claus will probably not get much attention for another 11 months. But in case you have wondered how Santa accomplishes all he's given credit for, here's a plausible view, sent by our daughter-in-law.

I hate to be the one to defy sacred myth, but I believe he's a she.

Think about it. Christmas is a big, organized, warm, fuzzy, nurturing, social deal, and I have a tough time believing a guy could possibly pull it all off!

For starters, the vast majority of men don't even think about selecting gifts until Christmas Eve. Once at the mall, they always seem surprised to find only Ronco products, socket wrench sets and mood rings left on the shelves. On this count alone, I'm convinced Santa is a woman.

Surely if she were a man, everyone in the universe would wake up Christmas morning to find a rotating musical Chia Pet under the tree, still in the bag.

Another problem for a he-Santa would be getting there. First of all, there would be no reindeer because they would all be dead, gutted and strapped onto the rear bumper of the sleigh amid wide-eyed, desperate claims that buck season had been extended. Blitzen's rack would already be on the way to the taxidermist.

Even if the male Santa DID have reindeer, he'd still have transportation problems, because he would inevitably get lost up there in the snow and clouds and then refuse to stop and ask for directions.

Other reasons why Santa can't possibly be a man:

* Men can't pack a bag.
* Men would rather be dead than to be caught wearing red velvet.
* Men would feel their masculinity threatened having to be seen with all those elves.
* Men don't answer their mail.
* Men would refuse to allow their physique to be described, even in jest, as anything remotely resembling a "bowlful of jelly."
* Men aren't interested in stockings unless somebody's in them.
* Having to do the Ho Ho Ho thing would seriously inhibit their ability to pick up women.
* Finally, being responsible for Christmas would require a commitment.

I can buy the fact that other mythical holiday characters are men. Father Time shows up once a year, unshaven and looking ominous. Definite guy!

Cupid flies around carrying weapons.

Uncle Sam is a politician who likes to point fingers.

Any one of these individuals could pass the testosterone screening test.

But not St. Nick. Not a chance.

Sr. Citizens' Menu

Senior Citizens are asked to make reservations before 9:00 a.m., on the day of the meal, by calling Clara Gaffney, 872-2875.

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Wednesday - Liver & onions, oven browned potatoes, stewed tomatoes, pineapple upside-down cake, variety bread.

Friday - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, citrus sections, tapioca pudding, variety bread.

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

Engaged

Susan Ganley and Mark Copeland

Susan Marie Ganley and Mark Arnold Copeland would like to announce their engagement with their parents, Janice and Edward Ganley of Caro, and Marcia and Robert Copeland of Cass City.

A March 11 wedding is planned.

3 from area placed on dean's list

A total of 1,251 students, including 3 area residents, achieved placement on the fall quarter dean's list at Michigan Technological University, Houghton, by earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

The area residents are Kurt H. Iwankovitsch and Matthew R. Klinkman, both of Cass City; Alexander D. Albin and Laura L. Loo, both of Caro; and Krishna C. Sims of Kingston.

Nick and Tracy Messing

Messing, Moore exchange vows

Nick Messing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Messing of Minden City, and Tracy Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Moore of Cass City, were married June 12, 1999, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Ruth.

A reception followed at Ruth K of C Hall.

The couple currently reside in Bay City. Tracy is finishing her bachelor's degree in Child Development at CMU. Nick is currently employed with the Financial Aid Department at Northwood University, Midland.

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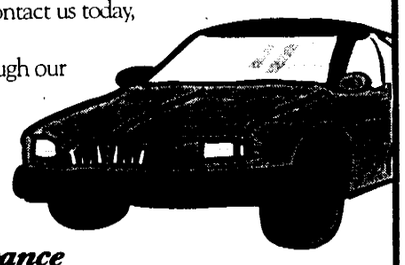

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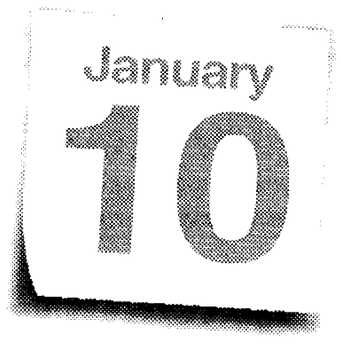

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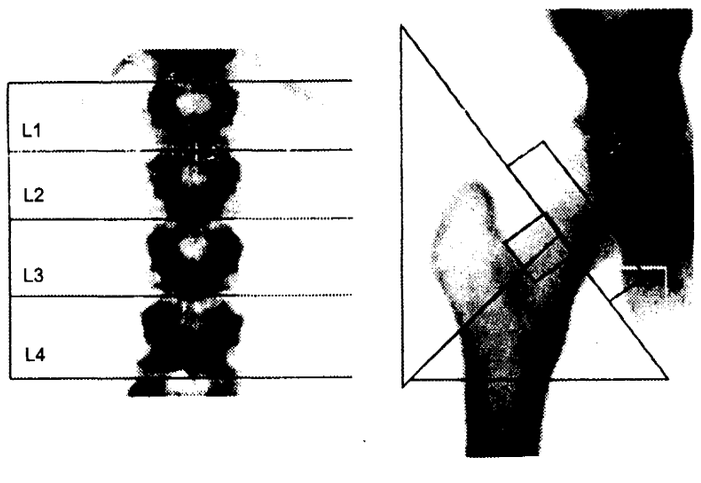

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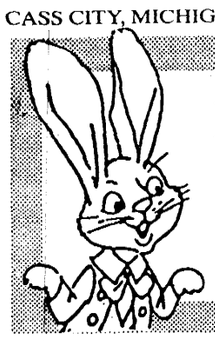

Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help.)

Did you catch the story in the Detroit News about the super deluxe New Year's celebration of 94 travelers including a couple from Bloomfield Hills? Their celebration includes an 18-day round-the-world tour on a chartered supersonic Concorde plane. Deluxe hotels, private yacht trips and first class all the way.

All this for a mere $75,000 per person. The story quotes Susan Scott Gladwin as explaining that she and her husband have been saving for a long time for this.

Don't you agree that they must have a very large piggy bank?

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Chalk one up for all of us optimists as Y2K slides by uneventfully. Pessimists can now start chipping away at all that stored food and other emergency items.

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It may be into the next millennium before Michigan football fans are treated to a New Year's Day result like the games played Saturday. Both Michigan and Michigan State won on the last plays of the games against formidable opponents, Alabama and Florida, respectively.

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Monday morning all the beautiful lights on Main Street had been removed. Most agree that there were more home displays this year than usual and they are now gone or at least turned off and it's back to business as usual.

Things returning to normal in this presidential-election year means that we will all be inundated with political campaign trash increasing in velocity until November.

No cure in sight in the new millennium for that.

Sandusky woman hurt

A Sandusky woman suffered minor injuries when her vehicle left Wheeler Road and struck a telephone pole in Snover.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported Rachel L. Thomas, 24, was driving north when she lost control on the snow covered roadway at about 4 p.m. Dec. 28.

Thomas, who was wearing a seat belt, sought her own treatment, according to reports.

The Weather

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from the desk of Ken Micklash, Superintendent

Schools of Choice

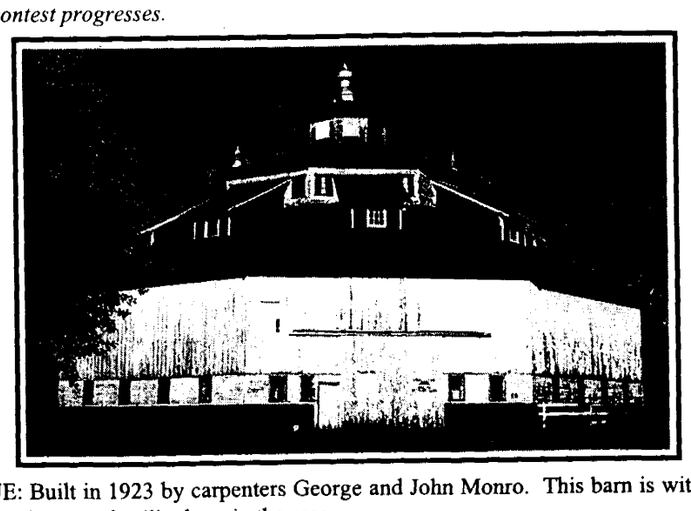
At the last regular meeting of the Cass City Board of Education, action was taken to approve participation in the "Schools of Choice" program for the second semester which begins Jan. 17, 2000. Kindergarten through twelfth grade students residing in any adjoining district from another Intermediate School District or any district within Tuscola Intermediate School boundaries may apply for admission into the Cass City Public Schools.

All grades and programs have limited vacancies. Enrollments will be restricted to existing contractual class size student number recommendations. For additional information or an application, please call the Cass City Superintendent's Office at 517-872-2200. Thank you!

Identify this mystery barn

This is one in a series of "mystery" barns in the area. The contest was devised to call attention to the upcoming Smithsonian "Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon" exhibit at Rawson Memorial Library Mar. 6 to April 15. The exhibit is sponsored by Rawson Memorial Library, Friends of the Octagon Barn and the Cass City Area Historical Society.

Readers who can identify each barn as they appear are asked to call the library, 872-2856, so they can be listed the following week. Warning! Identification gets harder as this contest progresses.



CLUE: Built in 1923 by carpenters George and John Monro. This barn is without a doubt, the most familiar barn in the area.

"Thumb Barn Winter Scenes"

Photo contest underway

Rawson Memorial Library officials recently announced a barn photo contest sponsored by Book Mart Photography Lab, Agfa Film and the Barn Again! Committee.

The contest theme is "Thumb Barn Winter Scenes." The competition is being held in conjunction with the "Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon" Smithsonian exhibition being shown at the library March 6 through April 15, 2000.

The contest, which began Monday, is open to all ages. winners will be announced at the opening ceremony of the Barn Again! Smithsonian Exhibition March 5.

Photos will be judged in 2 categories; color and black and white. Each category will be judged in 2 divisions; Adult (18 years old and up) and Youth (under 18 years old).

Prizes for first, second and third in the color category are $100 savings bonds, $75 savings bonds and $50 savings bonds in each division. Prizes of $100 and $75 savings bonds will be awarded to each division in black and white category, with further prizes if there are enough entries. There will also be prizes for honorable mention in each category and division.

The subject of the entry must be a barn in the Thumb Area taken during the contest period. The last day to submit photo entries is Feb. 26. Photographers are limited to one entry per category.

There is a $2 fee per entry. The fee includes a packet with complete rules, a roll of film and coupons for free processing and 2 6x8 enlargements. Materials in the packet are valued at over $11.

Entry blanks and packets are available at Rawson Memorial Library in Cass City or Book Mart Photo Lab on the corner of Main and Seeger in Cass City. Packets may also be picked up at Bad Axe Public Library, Caro District Library and Marlette District Library.

Book Mart Photo Lab in Cass City and the Agfa Film Company are donating film, processing and enlarging of colored entries. Entries in black and white film are encouraged, but the photographer will be responsible for the cost of the film and developing.

Entries will be judged anonymously by a panel of judges and the decision of the judges will be final. All entries will be on display during the time of the Barn Again exhibit.

Any questions regarding the contest may be directed to Rawson Memorial Library, (517) 872-2856.

CASS CITY Rotary Club president Al Klco presented a check for $3,000 to Rawson Memorial Librarian Barbara Hutchinson Tuesday noon at the regular meeting of the club. The check marked the final payment of the club's $10,000 commitment to the facility.

The Haire Net

This was written last Thursday and by the time it is published I will know if I have been smart or foolish to ignore most of the safe guards recommended to prevent Y2K disaster.

I suspect that I was in accord with the majority by doing practically nothing to avert Y2K disaster. Most of us are optimists, believing that everything will work out okay. Maybe that's why 2 of my cars were stolen because the keys were carelessly left in the ignition.

But I digress. This New Year is the same as the start of every year. There will be broken resolutions, uncertainties and achievements.

In a perfect world lots of good things happen. Don Markel would have the same success building the football team that he has had with the Cass City High School wrestling teams. The stunning success of the school's hoop squad under new coach Jim Green would continue unabated. It probably wouldn't require a perfect world to have Judy Campbell continue to produce the championship volleyball teams at Owen-Gage that have continually marked her coaching career.

Librarian Barb Hutchinson doesn't need a perfect world to continue to do what she does best, promote Rawson Memorial Librarian. Now involved in the exhibit from the Smithsonian Barn Again program you just know that other events under her direction will soon be revealed for the community's benefit.

Jack Esau, Cass City's super senior, will continue to do what he does best, promote Cass City, in the new millennium just as he did before the century turned. He'll be helped by recently arrived retirees Gerald and Geraldine Prieskorn, Bill Kritzman, Lambert Althaver and Mike Weaver. In our perfect world that group will continue to do what they did before retirement. Devote oodles of time to volunteer efforts to benefit the community.

Since this is not a perfect world we know that all of us will share in the ups and downs individually and as a community.

Here's sincere wishes that there will be just ups for you in 2000, just as if we did live in a perfect community with people to match.

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The back forty

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by Roger Pond

There's nothing like a good basketball game to create some excitement in a small town. When the team is winning, everyone is a master of roundball strategy. When we're losing it's only a matter of time until the folks who have been asking how many fouls a player is allowed will begin shouting out plays from the stands.

The game of basketball has changed so much, I'm not sure I understand it anymore. We didn't have all these terms, like "power forward" and "point guard," when I was a kid.

In those days "power forward" was the first gear on the team bus, and a point guard was a short kid who never made more than one foul shot.

Every time I hear someone giving players advice from the stands I think back to my first game in the sixth grade. Even though all of us kids had been shooting baskets since we could stand up, we weren't well-versed in the game.

The coach grabbed 5 kids off the bench and made 2 of them guards, 2 forwards, and one a center. That's the only way we played in those days: Two guards, 2 forwards, and a center.

Our center was a big kid named Jim, who had moved in from Arizona the year before. That's why Jim was so big; his family moved a lot, and he lost a grade or 2 in the process.

Jim couldn't shoot much and couldn't dribble a lick, but he could rebound, so in he went.

Our team only had one play. The forwards and center went after the defensive rebound, tipped it to a guard waiting at the foul line, and the guard took off down the court — while a forward and the other guard ran down the sidelines.

If we didn't get a shot on the fast-break, we might as well give the ball to the other team and let them shoot it again, because that was "our play." The fast-break usually worked though, and we were up 8 points at halftime. Eight points is a huge lead for sixth-graders, so coach put in the subs for the second half.

The first string is sitting there on the bench congratulating ourselves for creating this major blowout — when Jim says, "Well, I got a 'C'. (And you could tell he was kind of proud of it).

"What do you mean you got a `C'?" I asked.

"They gave me a `C' for shooting and dribbling and stuff," he said.

Stanley was sitting on the other side of Jim and said, "They don't grade you in basketball, dummy. Whatever gave you the idea you got a `C'?"

"Just go up there and look at the book on the table," Jim said. "They've got a `C' beside my name!"

"That's because you're the center!" Stanley groaned. "They'd better not be grades, because I got an `F' and Roger got a `G'."

Fullerton recently promoted

Marine Cpl. Anthony E. Fullerton, son of Judith E. Fullerton of Kingston, was recently meritoriously promoted to his present rank while serving with 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The 1996 graduate of Kingston High School joined the Marine Corps in March 1997.

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Bennett's Beat

It's time to buckle down

Well, the winter break is over and students are returning to the classrooms. On January 3rd Cass City Students resumed classes.

There are only 1 1/2 weeks until the end of the first semester. For the high school students the end of the first semester means "exams." There isn't a lot of time for students to get back into gear, but we have to buckle down and prepare for the 1st semester exams.

Exams start January 12th. The 1st half of the day will be regular classes, then the second half will be exams. The 13th will be a full day of testing. Then Friday, January 14th, exams will be in the morning, then Cass City students will get to enjoy the rest of the day off.

Students, as well as teachers, have a lot of different expectations for exams. Most say that it is frustrating having the exams so close after we get back from break. Yet some just want to get them over with. For some seniors it will be the last high school exams they have to take. For the freshmen it is the first exams they will be taking.

There're (exams) a good thing to have, especially for students who plan to go to college because at college the exams heavily impact your grade." Said Mrs. Bitzer, a teacher at the high school.

When I asked a couple of students their thoughts on exams I got about the same answer. Andrea Gohsman, a senior, said "It's too hard to come back from break and expect to know everything for the test."

"I'm nervous, the middle school should have given us exams before we got to high school," said Heidi Chang, a freshman. Johanna Hoelzle, a junior, said "Exams are stressful! I feel like I've forgotten everything over break."

As for me, I guess I'm nervous and excited at the same time. These are probably the last high school exams I will take, because I hope to opt out of the 2nd semester exams. Yet I don't look forward to college exams. I hope everybody does well on their exams. They can be tough, yet they can be easy. Just relax and study, everyone should do fine.

DISPLAYING THE medals and certificates earned when selected for Red Hawk Award of Excellence at Cass City Schools are, from left: Leann Otulakowski, Krista Homakie, Christopher Zawililnski and Tyler Perry.

Excellence in Cass City

Students earn top award

Four times during the school year a student from each of the 4 buildings in the Cass City School District is selected to receive the Red Hawk Award of Excellence for accomplishments or contributions made to the school or the community.

That means, Supt. Ken Micklash told the interested families Monday, Dec. 27, when the awards were announced, that only 16 students will be singled out each year for the awards. Students are selected in October, December, February and April.

Selected from Deford Elementary Schools was Tyler Perry, son of Randy and Joy Perry of Deford. Principal Ed Pasant says that Tyler exhibits all of the "Character Counts" qualities on a daily basis and feels fortunate to have him in our school, in our district.

Selected from Campbell Elementary was Christopher Zawilinski, son of Phillip and Cheryl Zawilinski of Cass City.

All of his teachers tell of his academic, social and emotional growth over the past 2 years. Principal Jody Miklovic said that this year Christopher has been a role model for good behavior with a positive leadership position. He has acquired the most reading counts points among fourth grade students in the three-four multiage classroom.

Singled out from the middle school was Krista Homakie, daughter of John and Michelle Homakie, Cass City.

Principal Jeanne Lohela reports that Krista has the qualities looked for to earn the award. "(She has) an outgoing personality, is an excellent and conscientious student, a fine athlete, with leadership abilities and a caring attitude" She has a ready smile, Lohela reports, and is ready to help her peers when asked.

Leann Otulakowski, daughter of Mike and Deb Otulakowski, was the selection from the high school. She participates in a host of activities at the school and is an honor student with a 3.950-point average. She is currently president of her senior class and the National Honor Society.

Community activities include blood drives, YFC banquet and auction, adopt a highway program, the playground project, homecoming parade and FETCH. She participates in Youth for Christ, foreign language club, 4-H and Ski Club.

She has received an academic letter and academic pin with excellence awards in biology, Spanish, civics, science, algebra 2, U.S. History and art.

Hospital offering diabetes classes

Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, is offering a series of diabetic classes Monday mornings, Jan. 3 through Jan. 24, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Whether you're a newly diagnosed diabetic or someone with diabetes who would like more information this series of classes is for you.

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To register or for more information please call Huron Memorial Hospital Inservice Department, Ann Booms, R.N. at 517-269-9521, (ext. 4346).

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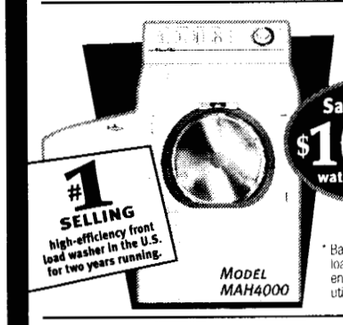

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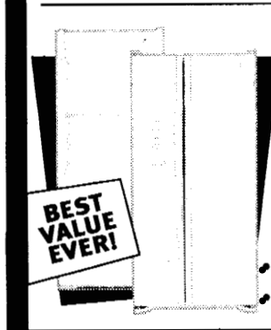

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Fire department

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:ating accident victims quickly, without inflicting further injury.

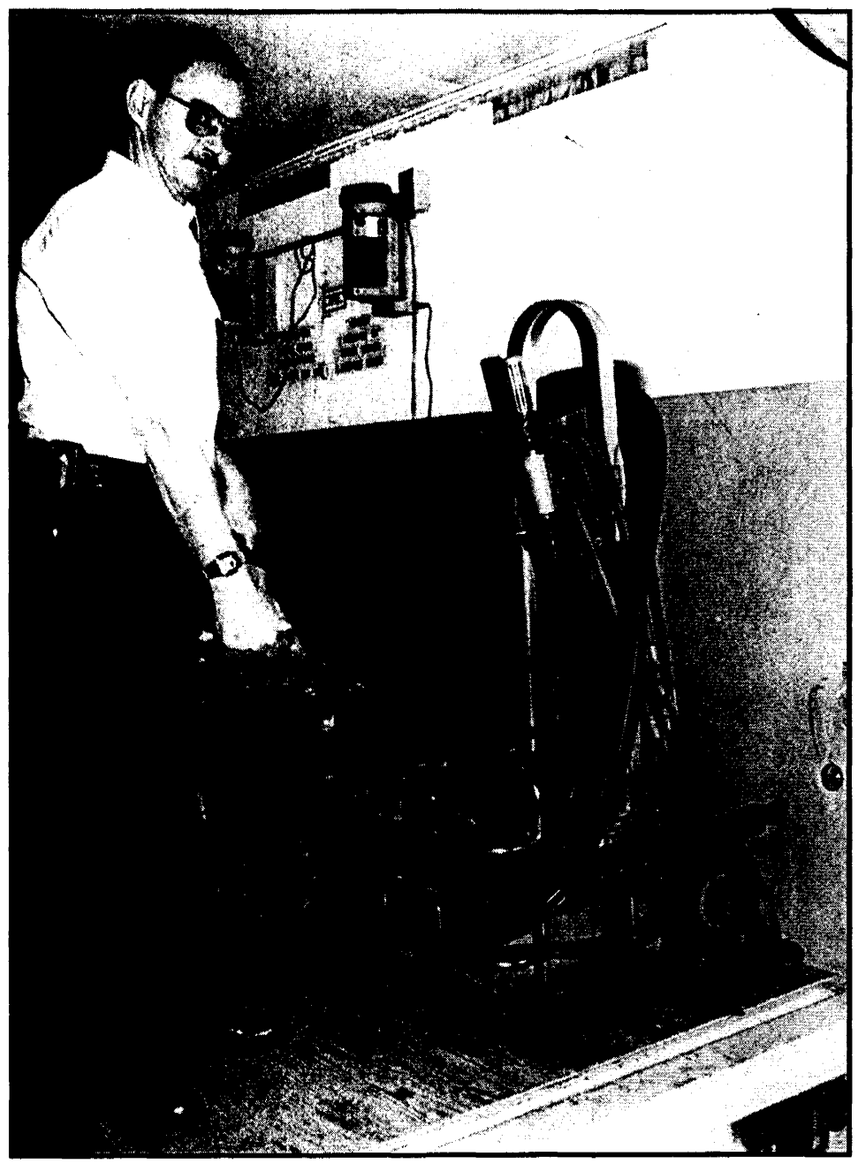
And they have saved lives in the Cass City area, according to Pawloski, a veteran Emergency Medical Technician-Specialist (EMT-S) who recalled a time when the fire department didn't have a set of jaws. "I can remember Bartnik's coming out (to accident scenes) with crow bars and wrecking bars," he said.

Pawloski noted the department's current Jaws of Life were purchased with about $8,000 in donations, largely raised by the Zonta and BPW clubs.

He hopes local service clubs will again come through, and he'll be making his pitch at several club meetings in the coming weeks.

"I hope we can get enough (money) to go for what we need," he said of the new jaws, which, he added, will be lighter, stronger, and easier to work with.

"I'd like to get them in the year 2000. It depends on how fast the money comes in," Pawloski continued. "I've gotten price listings from 3 companies that sell them, and before we decide which ones were going to buy, we're going to have the companies come up and demonstrate them."



Life savers

FIRE CHIEF Ron Pawloski hopes to raise about $15,000 in the coming year to purchase a new set of Jaws of Life for the Elkland Township Fire Department.

Y2K fear fizzles

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people might say we overplanned, but I'd rather we do that and be prepared. I really feel that by being prepared, it went smoothly."

The county's planning efforts, which began more than a year ago, included implementation of a back-up communication system in which ham radio operators were stationed at county fire halls and maintained contact with the county's emergency operations center in the event phone service went down.

In addition, shelters with generators were identified throughout the county and prepared to open if power had been lost. Officials also identified residents with medical and other special needs in an effort to check on them.

Finn lauded county residents for not jamming emergency phone lines. He indicated there was some concern that citizens would tie up phone lines for the sole purpose of finding out whether any Y2K problems had materialized.

"Everybody did their part, and I want to publicly thank all of the fire, police and emergency personnel who helped me," he said.

Local officials, like Finn, reported no Y2K problems.

"Absolutely nothing. It was totally uneventful," said Cass City Village Manager Jane Downing. "But we were ready. I feel that we were prepared.

"I think everyone was fortunate that nothing happened," Downing added, noting Y2K concerns did have a positive impact on many people. "It created an awareness of how we need to be prepared."

Officials at Hills and Dales General Hospital also reported no computer-related glitches over the weekend.

It was a relief to see 9 months of preparations pay off, according to Kathy Rowe, chief financial officer. "The computers did just fine, we were very happy," she said. "That's not very exciting news, but I was very excited at midnight."

Thanks for calling 872-2010 with feature story ideas

Millennium set to expand

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light assembly processes," Pluss said.

He added the planned facility will total some 80,000 square feet and create about 100 new jobs.

Pluss said the product offerings of Millennium and Shalibane are almost identical.

Shalibane, he explained, produces automotive fuel rails, water tubes and other tubular components for engine applications. In addition, the company manufactures tubular components for the appliance industry, as well as precision screw machine products.

Shalibane's annual sales for 1998 totaled $35 million. The firm, which currently employs about 300 people, was founded 9 years ago and is a public company listed on the London Stock Exchange.

One-room school reunion

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rived," DuRussel said.

"The teacher's desk sat to the side of the furnace; students sat on benches on the other side of the teacher's desk away from the furnace. Kindergarten to eighth grade classes were called in turn up front, where the children would sit on benches for class instruction. Students of other grades remained in their seats, preparing for their class to be called up front."

DuRussel noted 28 former Sand Valley students attended the recent reunion, "and all were merry over this occasion; laughing, talking, remembering and hugging were the activities of the afternoon.

"Ms. Howell, formerly Ms. Osborne, was the only teacher present, bringing applause from many who remembered her teaching skills, teasing her unabashedly with humorous episodes as, a 6-inch hose called the 'educator' which, of course, she did not possess at all," DuRussel continued.

"One recollection during Ms. Osborne's teaching years was a snowstorm so bad, roads were snowbound, hindering cars to pass through. The children waited on the school steps questioning whether their teacher would make it and eagerly hoping she wouldn't so they could go home to play in the snow and make a snowman.

"But soon they saw a figure in the distance trudging through the snow banks. It was Ms. Osborne, their dedicated teacher, wearing a beautiful blue snowsuit, struggling with each step through the deep snow. Her students were not to miss any classes for the day due to a snowstorm."

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Those memories and others remain vivid in the minds of students today, according to DuRussel.

"It has been said, 'most of life's teachings are acquired during the first 7 years of life'," she said. "Sand Valley students say our early years are bound to Sand Valley; we feel our little schoolhouse in the valley of sand prepared us to move out into life's journey with the potential to seek the advantage for those we move among, and we thank Sand Valley for our memorable beginning years of learning."

Editor's note: Information on the Sand Valley reunion was provided by Marie DuRussel, Joseph and Raymond Windy, and Elaine Shagena-Pope.

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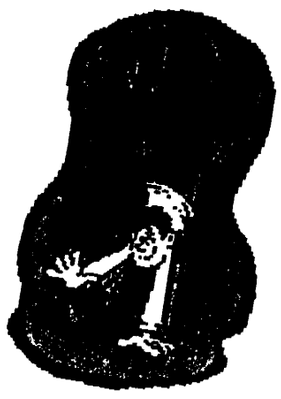

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Swan Valley Champions

Red Hawk wrestlers grab title

Anchored by 6 wrestlers undefeated at the meet, the Cass City Red Hawks won the 5-team Swan Valley Invitational Thursday. Among the victims was Swan Valley which is rated fifth in the state in class 3.

The scores: Cass City, 42, Swan Valley, 32; Cass City, 51, St. Charles, 25; Cass City, 66, Breckenridge, 9; Cass City, 58, Merrill, 24; Cass City, 66, Saginaw Nouvel, 18.

The battle for first place went to the last match. Cass City led the Swan Valley Vikings 36-32 going into that final match and the Hawks needed a pin or a decision to continue undefeated. Chris Hyatt, 275 pounds, took care of that with a pin in 1:05 in the first period.

Both the Vikings and the Hawks entered the meet with only a single loss.

Two Hawks added to their undefeated-for-the-season records. Travis Schneeberger, 103 pounds, and Adam Dorland, 135 pounds; are now 16-0. Dorland was also selected by the coaches as the most valuable player in the lower weight classes.

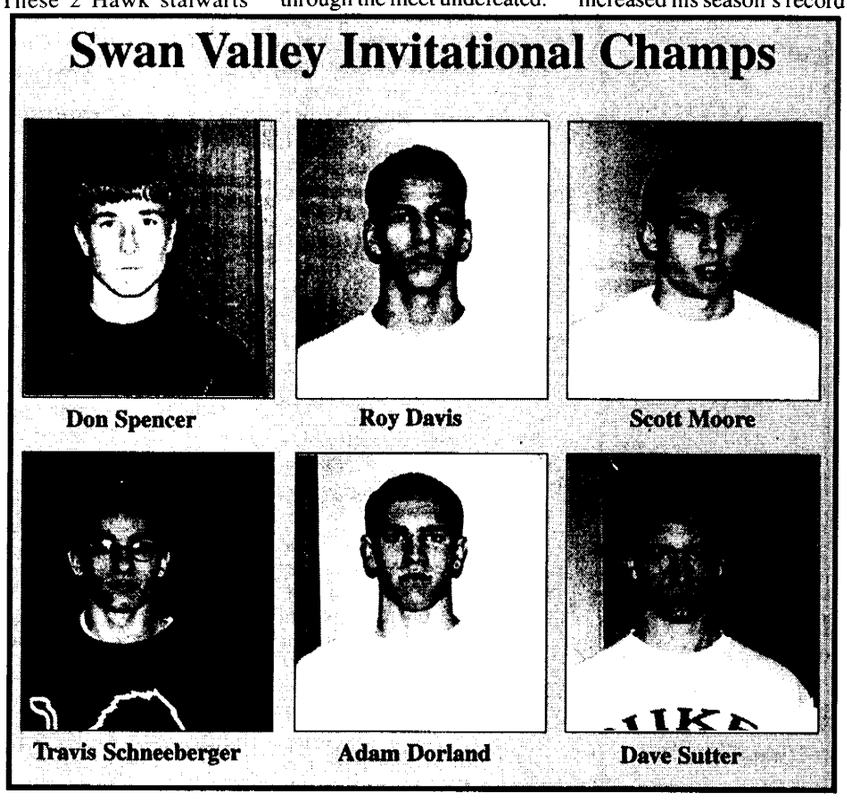
These 2 Hawk stalwarts were among 6 Hawks who earned trophies in their weight classes for going through the meet undefeated. Don Spencer swept the 112-pound class. Roy Davis was the 119-pound champion and increased his season's record to a gaudy 15-1. Scott Moore's season's record is now 15-3 as he took the 125-pound class. Dave Sutter who was undefeated at 152 pounds is now 13-2 for the season.

The Hawks are now 10-1 for the season with only a loss to Caro in the opening meet of the season to mar a perfect record. Cass City and Caro will be competing in the team district competition Feb. 16.

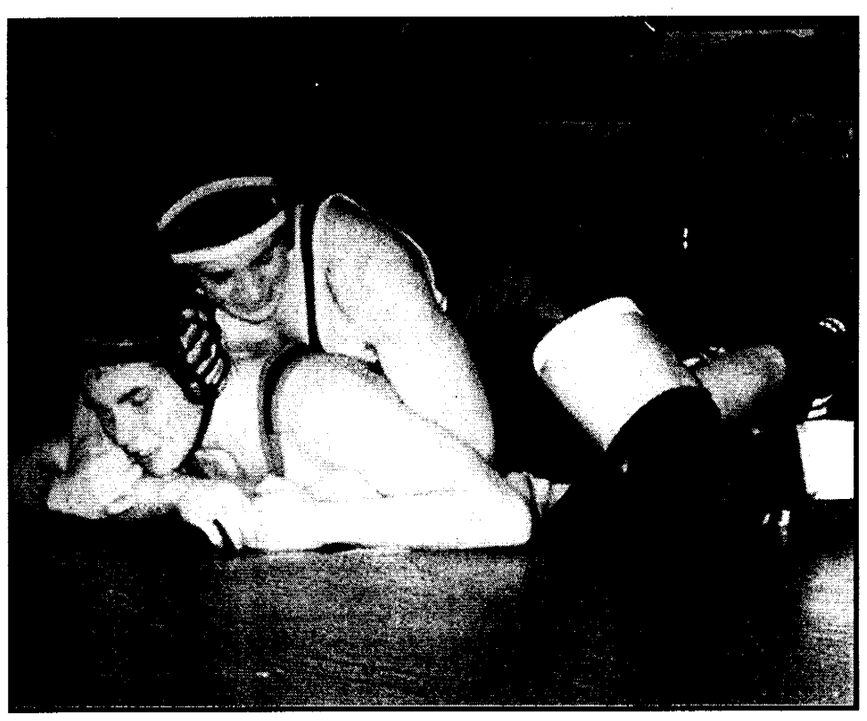
In addition to the undefeated wrestlers, the Hawks had several who contributed heavily to the team's winning performance. Chris Hyatt registered 4 pins against a single loss. Chad Wolschlager, 189 pounds, was 3-2 with all his victories coming with pins.

Charles Maxwell, 160 pounds, was 3-2, losing one match via a pin and the other on a close 10-9 decision.

Aaron Dorland just missed winning all of his matches. He lost to Breckenridge's Jim Schroeder, 6-5, and won 2 matches with pins and 2 by forfeits.



RED HAWK Dave Sutter (back) pinned Swan Valley's Jason Hunn at the 1:41 mark of Thursday's Swan Valley Invitational. Sutter won the 152 lb. weight class for the tournament champs. (Photo by Melanie Nizzola).



CASS CITY'S CHARLIE MAXWELL (top) helped the Hawks to a 58-24 win over Merrill during Thursday's Swan Valley Invitational with a pin over Jon Hutton at 2:54 in the 160 lb. weight class. (Photo by Melanie Nizzola).

Cass City Bowling

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High Series: B. Kilbourn 515, L. Kilbourn 476, K. Daniels 472, T. Avery 470, B. Watson 506.

High Games: T. Avery 190, B. Kilbourn 181, T. Middaugh 175, B. Watson 183, M. Haley 182, L. Kilbourn 172, K. Daniels 175, D. Jamieson 170.

MERCHANETTES
As of Dec. 23

Osentoski Trucking	14
Caro Chiropractic	12
J.B.'s Crew	12
Detroit Edison	12
Thumb Auto Wash	11
All Season Rent-All	11
Adamczyk Masonry	10
LaFave Steel	1
Hills & Dales Hospital	5
Health Mart Pills	3

High Individual Games: C. Smith 233, C. Brown 207, S. Robinson 201, R. Mallory 197.

High Individual Series: C. Smith 591, C. Brown 566, R. Mallory 522.

High Team Series & Game: All Season Rent-All 880 (676).

Split Conversion: C. Rutkoski 5-6-7.

THURSDAY NITE TRIO
As of Dec. 30

Cass Tavern	10
New England Financial	9
BICCGeneral	9
Babich Farms	9
Marlette Oil & Gas	8
Generaly Low	7
Thumb Auto Wash	6
Martin Electric	6
Terra	4
Schmaltz Construction	3
Mycogen Seeds	1

Individual High Series & Games: J. Krol 666 (235-239), R. Doerr 638 (243), G. Robinson 624 (222-212), K. Martin 615 (245), D. Roth 611 (228-212), P. Regnerus 588 (214-224), W. Laming 586 (235), P. Robinson 586 (226), T. Babich 582 (235), G. Smith 237, J. Roth 234, Duane O'Dell 228, S. Osentoski 214, E. Schmaltz 212.

High Actual Team Series & Game: Cass Tavern 1823 (681).

SUNDAY NIGHTERS
As of Dec. 19
1st half standings

High Rollers	25
Try hards	20
Sheridan Rollers	18
Sugar Makers	17
Town & Country	14
Gophers	12
Hicksville USA	11
Sometimers	11

High Series & Games: K. Pichla 601 (244), E. Hutchinson 576 (226), J. McCreedy 507 (192), F. Hayes 220.

High Team Game: Tryhards 703.

High Team Series: High Rollers 2006.

MERCHANTS LEAGUE
As of Dec. 29

Charmont	22
Hollywood & Vine	21
New England Life	21
Trisch Septic	20
All Season Video	16
R H Body Shop	16
T Furness Builders	14
Triple R	12
S S Builders	10
Wickes	8

High Team Series: Charmont 3185.

High Team Game: Hollywood & Vine 1105.

210 Games or 575 Series: M. Lutz 738 (223-236-269), D. Lohnson 724 (223-233-268), J. Storm 720 (257-258), D. Shannon 705 (211-230-264), D. O'Dell 700 (211-244-245), J. Langenburg 690 (212-289), T. Pattingill 668 (213-218-237), C. Anthes 649 (239), J. Krol 648 (247), M. Jackson 641 (224-239), L. Morgan 617 (227), S. Jones 615 (236), L. Tomaszewski 615 (223), K. Zawilinski 612 (221-222), M. Gettel 611 (254), B. Anthes 610 (215), R. Koch 607 (212), T. Kuck 604 (225), J. Finkbeiner 598 (235), E. Boyd 591 (224), B. Rutkoski 592 (235), S. Steele 577, T. Furness 577, D. Salcido 226, T. Summer 213, T. Czekai 212, R. Salcido 212.

Pest management seminar planned

Acquiring up-to-date information on current pest management practices is very important for modern growers, especially those who may be applying Restricted Use Pesticides at their operation.

Throughout the winter months, many workshops and seminars are facilitated by MSU Extension, as well as local agribusinesses, to insure growers are getting the information necessary for making important decisions for their farms.

The annual Weed Control Update, a meeting held every year for local growers and agribusiness professionals, has always been one of the more well attended meetings. It covers a variety of topics concerning crop production and pesticide management. This year the meeting will be taking on a slightly different format, and a new name.

A one-day seminar, entitled "2000 Farmer and Agribusiness Pest Management Meeting", will be taking the place of the former Weed Control Update. The new 2000 meeting will be held in Huron, Isabella and Saginaw counties.

Sponsored by Michigan State University Extension, the sessions will take place Jan. 17 at Ubly Heights Country Club on Atwater Road near Ubly; Jan. 19 at the Comfort Inn in Mount Pleasant, and Jan. 24 at the Bavarian Inn Lodge in Frankenmuth.

The program at all locations will run from 8:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. The registration fee is $30 and covers the new field crop weed and insect control guides and the noon meal.

Each seminar will cover 17 topics ranging from cyst nematodes to sugar beet seedling diseases to weed control of soybeans, dry beans, sugar beets and corn. Participants will also be able to earn 3 Restricted Use Pesticide credits by attending the workshop.

It is very important to note that because of the consolidation of the county meetings into a regional format, enrollment will be limited. To register for the "2000 Farmer and Agribusiness Pest Management Meeting" at Ubly, please contact the Huron County Extension Office at 517-269-9949.

Boosters hosting U of M

The Cass City Boosters Club is hosting a University of Michigan alumni team Saturday, Jan. 15, at 7 p.m. in the high school gym.

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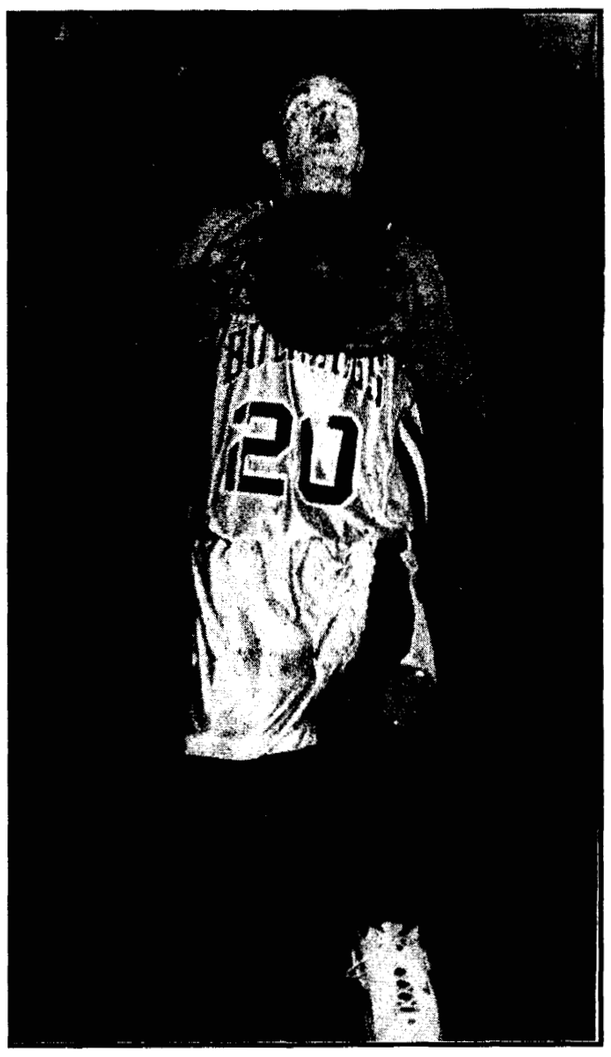

OWEN-GAGE'S Shane Mellendorf breaks loose for 2 points during Tom Thumb Tourney cage play in Carsonville Port Sanilac. The junior guard scored 24 points over the 2-day tournament, including 11 against the Port Hope Blue Stars in Tuesday's 68-49 consolation game victory.

Hosts Kingston Friday

Bulldogs top Port Hope in Tom Thumb Tourney

There wasn't a need for a 41-point final quarter effort this time, as Owen-Gage used a 17 point opening quarter scoring advantage to top Port Hope in the consolation game of the Tom Thumb Tourney.

Unlike the 2 schools' first meeting, when the Bulldogs outscored the Blue Stars 41-23 in the final frame to escape with a 2-point win, Coach Leon Westover's squad posted an easy 68-49 victory last Tuesday in Carsonville Port Sanilac (CPS).

The victory was especially pleasing to Westover because it followed his Bulldogs' only setback of the season the day before.

"I was sure how we come out and play following the loss," said Westover. "But we bounced back and played a good game."

Senior guard/forward Derek Howard led the way for the winners with a team best 13 points and his standard quality floor game. Most of Howard's tallies came in the initial frame when the game's outcome hadn't yet been decided.

The Bulldogs will have had an opportunity to avenge their only setback of the season Tuesday in CPS, before hosting undefeated Kingston Friday in a showdown of North Central Thumb League leaders.

Mark Iseler recorded game scoring honors for Port Hope with 20 points.

A balanced Bulldog scoring attack had Corbin Swiastyn with a dozen, Shane Mellendorf with 11, Ryan Fritz 8, and Cory Fritz and Nathan Kain with 7 tallies each.

Standings

GREATER THUMB WEST

Team	W	L	W	L
Reese	1	0	4	0
USA	1	0	4	0
Cass City	1	0	3	1
Bad Axe	0	0	2	2
EPBP	0	1	2	2
Mayville	0	1	2	2
BCAS	0	1	0	5

GREATER THUMB EAST

Team	W	L	W	L
Cros-Lex	1	0	3	0
Yale	1	0	3	1
Sandusky	1	0	2	1
Brown City	1	0	2	1

GREATER THUMB EAST (cont.)

Marlette	0	1	2	2
Deckerville	0	1	2	1
Harbor Beach	0	1	1	3
Ubly	0	1	0	4

NORTH CENTRAL THUMB

Team	W	L	W	L
Owen-Gage	3	0	5	1
Kingston	2	0	4	0
CPS	1	0	2	3
North Huron	1	1	2	3
Port Hope	1	1	1	4
Caseville	0	1	3	1
Peck	0	2	0	5
A-Fairgrove	0	3	1	3

Pork inventory declines

Michigan's total hog and pig inventory as of Dec. 1 was estimated at 980,000 head, down 140,000 head from a year ago, according to the Federal/State Michigan Agricultural Statistics Service.

Breeding hog inventory, at 120,000 head, was unchanged while market hog inventory, at 860,000 head, was down 140,000 head from last December.

The bulk of the decline occurred in the 60-119 pounds weight group which was 65,000 head lower than last year. The 180 pounds and over weight group decreased 55,000 head from last year. The under 60 pounds weight group and the 120 to 179 weight group each dropped 10,000 head from a year ago.

Producers farrowed 49,000 sows during the September-November quarter, down 6 percent from last year. Pigs per litter rose to 9.00, up from 8.50 a year ago. The fourth quarter pig crop slipped 1,000 head to 441,000 pigs. Producer's farrowing intentions for the next 2 quarters are 50,000 for the December to February period and 55,000 for the March to May period.

Nationally, inventory of all hogs and pigs on Dec. 1, 1999, was 59.4 million head. This was 4 percent below December 1998, and 2 percent below Sept. 1, 1999. Breeding inventory, at 6.24 million head, was down 7 percent from Dec. 1, 1998, and down one percent from Sept. 1, 1999. Market hog inventory, at 53.2 million head, was 4 percent below last year, and 2 percent below last quarter.

Calendar of Events

Deadline for submitting items in the calendar is the Friday noon before publication.

Wednesday, January 5

Duplicate Bridge, 7:00 p.m. at Charmont. Everyone welcome.

Thursday, January 6

Barn Again committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Friday, January 7

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.

Saturday, January 8

The Jacqueline E. Opperman Memorial Library in Kingston will be having a book sale every other Saturday starting Jan. 8, located in the Kingston High School from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 517-683-2500 for more information.

Monday, January 10

Owen-Gage School Board meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 11

Tuscola County Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support /Education Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Adult Day Services building, 435 Green St., Caro. For additional information, please call (517) 672-2273.

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown.

PUBLIC NOTICE
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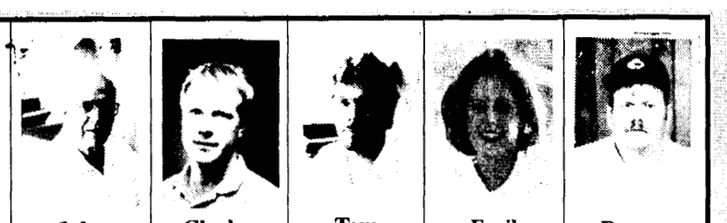

	John Haire	Clarke Haire	Tom Montgomery	Emily Bennett	Doug Hyatt
January 4					
Akron-Fairgrove at N. Huron	Akron-Fair.	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron	North Huron
Lakeville at Caro	Lakeville	Caro	Caro	Lakeville	Caro
Cass City at Bad Axe	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City	Cass City
Kingston at Caseville	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston
Brown City at Marlette	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City	Brown City
Reese at Mayville	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese	Reese
Owen-Gage at C-PS	C-PS	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	Owen-Gage	C-PS
USA at Lakers	USA	USA	USA	USA	Lakers
Harbor Beach at Deckerville	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Deckerville	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach
Yale at Cros-Lex	Cros-Lex	Cros-Lex	Cros-Lex	Cros-Lex	Cros-Lex
January 7					
Peck at Akron-Fairgrove	Akron-Fair.	Akron-Fair.	Peck	Peck	Akron-Fair.
Millington at Caro	Millington	Caro	Millington	Millington	Millington
Cass City at USA	USA	USA	Cass City	USA	USA
Kingston at Owen-Gage	Kingston	Kingston	Kingston	Owen-Gage	Kingston
Marlette at Cros-Lex	Cros-Lex	Cros-Lex	Cros-Lex	Cros-Lex	Cros-Lex
Mayville at BCAS	Mayville	Mayville	Mayville	BCAS	Mayville
Port Hope at C-PS	Port Hope	C-PS	C-PS	C-PS	C-PS
Harbor Beach at Sandusky	Harbor Beach	Harbor Beach	Sandusky	Sandusky	Harbor Beach
Bad Axe at Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Bad Axe	Lakers
Season results	**13-6**	**11-8**	**15-4**	**14-5**	**12-7**

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Reading program planned

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To encourage every member of the family to read, Rawson Memorial Library is sponsoring a program again this winter to promote reading and family togetherness. Called "Warm Up With a Good Book", the program includes every member of the family. During a 6-week period from Jan. 17-Feb. 25, families will be asked to read as many books as possible.

When enrolling, each family will receive a reading log to keep track of books read and also book bags and bookmarks.

Winners will be announced at a pizza party set for March 1. Special prizes will be given to the 2 families reading the most books. Each family that returns a reading record will receive a prize and a participation certificate. Fun prizes will also be given for such things as: the youngest reader, oldest reader, smallest family, largest family, etc.

First place prize is a gift certificate for pizza and bowling at Charmont. Second place prize is movie tickets for the Cass Theatre plus popcorn and drinks. Other prizes are gift certificates, free video rentals, etc. and, of course, new books!

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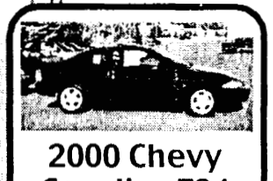

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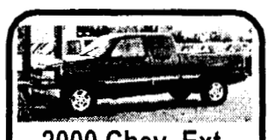

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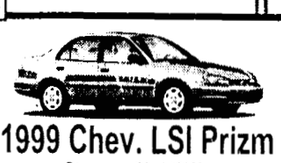

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Down Memory Lane

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5 YEARS AGO

New construction in Cass City topped a whopping $5 million in 1994, a new record in the village.

Al Witherspoon, veteran rural letter carrier, recently retired after 30 years of service in Cass City.

The first Polo Bear Golf Open winners, held Monday at Northwood Shores Golf Course, are Dick Carlson, Chad Tate and John Riddle. Finishing second were: Cathy Hellow, Bob Poirier and Mark Swanson.

Hundreds braved the cold and snow to attend the 28th annual New Year's Eve Concert Saturday night at Cass City High School. The evening featured several gospel music groups, including the "Grimshaws" from Vassar.

Cass City police are continuing their investigation of the Dec. 29 break-in at All-Seasons Rent-All. Taken in the break-in was money from a pair of cash registers, as well as an unknown number of silver coins kept in a 2-quart glass jar. A total of $315 in cash was missing from the registers.

10 YEARS AGO

Jessica Jacqueline Koepf, daughter of Clem and Sally Koepf, Cass City, was the first baby born at Hills and Dales Hospital in 1985. Dr. Sang H. Park, MD, delivered her Jan. 1, at 1:43 a.m. Jessica weighed 9 pounds and is 22 inches long.

Cass City resident Richard Jones was the winner of the recent Las Vegas raffle held by the Cass City Jaycees to raise funds to purchase food baskets, clothing, toys and other Christmas gifts for needy residents of the area. Jones will spend 2 days and 3 nights in Las Vegas.

Yule sales trailed 1983 but merchants are satisfied. Cindy McConkey of McConkey Jewelry and Gift Shop felt that the free parking helped sales because customers did not feel the need to rush back to their car to put more money into the parking meter.

Mrs. Helen Bartle was selected woman of the year by the Business and Professional Woman's Club recently. She was presented with a silver tray by Marilyn Ertman.

The Owen-Dale Bulldogs defeated the Deckerville Eagles in an overtime thriller, 87-90, Friday night. Bulldogs Reid Goslin and Stu Stirret fouled out but John Shope, Todd Rockefeller and Paul Thompson made up for the loss of the 2 guards. Shope scored 6 points in the overtime period. Rockefeller and Thompson each tossed in 4 points.

25 YEARS AGO

Cass City Police continue to probe the theft of 2 rooms of carpeting and drapes from a ground-floor apartment on Hill Street.

Tuscola county agriculture land values are scheduled to take a 16 percent jump countywide, according to a tentative study made public this week by the County Equalization Department.

Sheridan Township Supervisor H.O. Blair, 77, has resided at his home on Sebewaing Road his entire life, all but 85 days back in 1917 while traveling in the west. Among Blair's prized possessions is the original deed to the land, issued to Donald MacTaggart and dated Dec. 3, 1861. It was signed by President Abraham Lincoln.

Patti Karr, 14, won honorable mention in the custom car drawing contest sponsored by the Michigan Hot Rod Association in which she competed against more than 500 other high school students. Her work will appear in the upcoming Autorama Show in Cobo Hall in Detroit. Karr is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Karr of Cass City.

35 YEARS AGO

When her term expires next July, Mrs. Arthur Little may become Cass City's last Justice of the Peace under the new State constitution. She has held the post off and on for 10 years, along with the job of village librarian and social news reporter.

Robert A. Gross, 79, a member of the Cass City business community from 1945 to his retirement, died Wednesday, Jan. 6, at Hills and Dales General Hospital. He died after suffering a heart attack Monday. Mr. Gross was associated with his son, Jim, in Gross and Maier Meat Market in Cass City.

Brian Douglas Denhoff was Cass City's New Year's baby. He was born Saturday afternoon at Hills and Dales General Hospital. Brian is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Denhoff of Kingston.

What must be the shortest marriage on record in Tuscola County was performed Dec. 31 when Bernice A. Davis, 45, and August Gonda, 52, of Caro were married in a Caro church. Tuesday, Jan. 5, the couple were in the courthouse to file a petition for a divorce after living together for just one day.

Dr. and Mrs. James Ballard are enjoying a Caribbean cruise this week.

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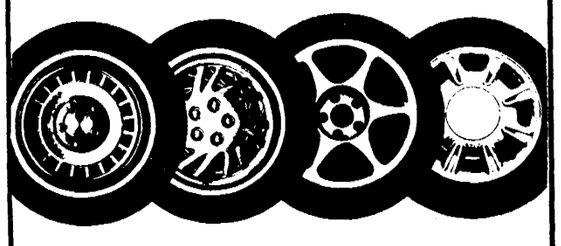

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BOYS' BASKETBALL
Home games in bold

Dec.	7	**Caro**	**5:00**
	10	**Harbor Beach**	**5:00**
	14	**Ubly**	**5:00**
	17	Lakers	6:00
Jan.	4	Bad Axe	6:00
	7	USA	6:00
	11	Marlette	5:00
	14	**Reese**	**5:00**
	18	**Deckerville**	**5:00**
	21	BCAS	5:00
	25	Sandusky	5:00
	28	**Mayville**	**5:00**
Feb.	1	Yale	6:00
	8	**Brown City**	**5:00**
	11	**Lakers**	**5:00**
	15	**Bad Axe**	**5:00**
	18	**USA**	**5:00**
	22	Reese	5:00
	25	**BCAS**	**5:00**
	29	Mayville	5:00
March	6-11	Districts	TBA

WRESTLING
Home matches in bold

Dec.	8	Imlay City/Cros Lex Imlay City	6:00 p.m.
	11	Marlette Invitational Marlette	8:00 a.m.
	15	New Lothrop/Birch Run New Lothrop	6:00 p.m.
	30	Swan Valley Invitational Swan Valley	9:30 a.m.
Jan.	8	Yale Invitational Yale	9:00 a.m.
	12	**Marlette-Brown City**	**6:00 p.m.**
	15	Bad Axe Invitational Bad Axe	10:00 a.m.
	19	Yale/Cros Lex Yale	6:00 p.m.
	22	Mayville Invitational Mayville	8:30 a.m.
	26	Lakers/Mayville Lakers	6:00 p.m.
	29	Imlay City Invitational Imlay City	8:30 a.m.
Feb.	2	Sandusky/Bad Axe Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
	9	Capac/New Haven Capac	7:00 p.m.
	12	League Invitational Cros Lex	TBA
	16	Team Districts	
	19	Individual Districts	

Red Hawks at home

BASKETBALL
Reese Rockets
Friday, January 14

WRESTLING
Marlette-Brown City
Wednesday, January 12

VOLLEYBALL
Birch Run - Thurs., Jan 6
Sandusky - Mon., Jan 10

VOLLEYBALL
Home matches in bold

Dec.	18	Caro Invitational Caro	8:30 a.m.
	20	**Akron Fairgrove/Ubly (Varsity)**	**6:00**
	20	Akron Fairgrove/Ubly (JV) Akron	6:00
	22	Laker Invitational (Freshmen only) Lakers	9:00 a.m.
Jan.	5	Caro Away	6:00
	6	**Birch Run (Varsity/JV only)**	**6:00**
	7	Bad Axe Invitational (JV/Freshmen) Bad Axe	3:30
	8	Bad Axe Invitational (Varsity) Bad Axe	9:00 a.m.
	10	**Sandusky**	**6:00**
	13	**Lakers @ CCMS**	**6:00**
	15	Laker Invitational (JV only) Laker	9:00 a.m.
	17	Brown City Away	6:30
	20	Bad Axe Away	6:30
	22	**Cass City Invitational**	**10:00 a.m.**
	27	USA Away	6:00
Feb.	3	**Reese**	**6:00**
	5	USA Invitational USA	8:30 a.m.
	7	**Brown City**	**6:00**
	10	BCAS Away	6:00
	11	Tuscola Co. Invitational (JV only) Vassar	4:15
	12	Laker Invitational Lakers	9:00 a.m.
	17	**Mayville**	**6:00**
	19	**League Invitational (JV)**	**TBA**
	26	League Invitational Bad Axe	TBA
	31	**Vassar**	**6:00**
March	6	Districts TBA	TBA

GYMNASTICS
Home meets in bold

Dec.	9	Vassar There	7:00 p.m.
	14	Hartland There	6:00 p.m.
	18	Troy Athens Invitational There	10:00 a.m.
Jan.	5	Cadillac There	6:00 p.m.
	13	**Midland Dow**	**6:30 p.m.**
	20	**Vassar/Freeland**	**6:30 p.m.**
	24	Midland/Midland Dow Midland	6:30 p.m.
	29	Vassar Invitational There	Noon
	31	**Midland**	**6:30 p.m.**
	12	St. Johns Invitational There	10:00 a.m.

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In response to this situation, MSU Extension, Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan Agribusiness Association, National Crop Insurance Services, Farm Credit Services and Agri-Solutions, Crop Insurance Research Bureau, and the USDA Risk Management Agency are sponsoring a series of workshops in the state of Michigan entitled Managing Risk in Today's Economy.

In the Thumb, this one-day seminar will be held Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Ubly Heights Country Club from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The seminar is designed to help farmers (crops and livestock) to develop strategies to deal with the current situ-

Cost of the program is $20 per person and includes refreshments, lunch, and educational materials. To register, contact the Huron County MSU Extension Office (517-269-9949). Preregistration is required and the pre-registration deadline is Monday, Jan. 24.

Obituaries

George King Sr.

George W. King Sr., 87, of Cass City, died Friday, Dec. 31, 1999, in his home.

He was born Dec. 28, 1912, in Huron County, to George L. and Hattie (Kirkpatrick) King and lived in the area his whole life. He married Elsie May Jackson Sept. 19, 1932, in Huron County. She died May 17, 1997.

He farmed most of his life.

He is survived by his children, George W. (Phyllis) King Jr. of Cass City, Bette Lou (Calvin) Hunt of Ubly, Glen L. (Janet) King of Auburn, Jerry (Bev) King of Bridgeport, James L. King of Cass City; 15 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; a brother, William King of Lexington, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Herbert, Russell and James; 7 sisters, Helen Smithers, Nellie Apley, Hattie Wellock, Velma Wills, Dora Etzler, Bertha Wills Campbell, and Vera Paison.

Funeral services were held Sunday in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Chuck Emmert of Novesta Church of Christ officiating.

Interment was in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Jonas Miller

Jonas L. Miller, 8, of Cass City, died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2000, near his home, following complications from a wagon accident.

He was born Dec. 4, 1991, in Mercer, Penn. He was the son of Levi E. and Elmina J. (Miller) Miller.

He was in the second grade, and attended the Huronline Country School. He was a Christian and attended the Amish Church.

Surviving are his parents, Levi E. and Elmina J. Miller, Cass City; 6 brothers, Leroy Miller, Joseph Miller, Albert Miller, Enos Miller, Raymond Miller, and Levi Miller Jr. and a sister, Ida Miller, all at home; his paternal grandparents, Eli E. and Anna N. Miller, Middlefield, Ohio, and his maternal grandmother, Ada W. Miller, Burton, Ohio, and also several uncles and aunts.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Ellen L. Miller, Oct. 2, 1998, and his maternal grandfather, Joe J. Miller, May 25, 1991.

Services were held Tuesday, Jan. 4, at the home of Eli Troyer, with Bishop Crist Kaufman officiating.

Burial was in the Cass City Amish Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by MacAlpine Funeral Home, Bad Axe.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the funeral home.

John Morell

John P. Morell, 83, of Ubly, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 1999, at his residence, of congestive heart failure.

He was born July 22, 1916, in Austin Township and lived there for 73 years. He was the son of Isadore J. and Josephine (Osentoski) Morell. He married Ann Pulcer April 16, 1940, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church of Smith Corners.

He attended Proctor Country School. He was a lifelong farmer until his retirement. He was an Austin Township Board Member for 20 years and a member of St. Ignatius Catholic Church for 49 years where he served as an usher and on various committees. He was a resident of Ubly and a parishioner of St. John's Catholic Church for the last 10 years.

He is survived by his wife, Ann, of Ubly; 6 sons, Bernard Morell and his wife Dorothy of Ubly, Melvin Morell and his wife Janice of Rockford, Lynn Morell and his wife Maureen of Ubly, John Morell Jr. and his wife Louise of White Lake, Mark Morell and his wife, Anna, of Clarkston, and Joe Morell and his wife Tammy of Ubly; 8 daughters, Joyce Swartz and her husband John of Saginaw, Donna Lipskey and her husband Ray of Minden City, Marueen A. Morell of Phoenix, Ariz., Elaine Nading and her husband Roger of Livonia, Marjorie J. Hutson of St. Clair Shores, Audry J. Morell of Pompano Beach, Fla., Annette F. Siers of Washington Township, and Lori Lasky and her husband Richard of Dearborn; 38 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by 3 brothers, Arthur Morell and his wife Pauline of Ubly, Michael Morell of Onaway, Floyd Morell of Ubly; 4 sisters, Irene Guarnieri of Port Austin, Margaret Hey and her husband Robert of Pompano Beach Fla., Genevieve Gracey and her husband Roland of Bad Axe, and Bernice Witkowski and her husband Stanley of Saginaw.

He was preceded in death by one son, Kenneth Morell; one grandson and 2 sisters, Sophia Kubacki and Marie Morell.

Mass of Resurrection was held Monday at St. John Catholic Church of Ubly. The Rev. T.J. Fleming officiated.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

Arrangements were made by the Zinger-Smigielski Funeral Home of Ubly.

Anabell Read

Anabell Read, 77, of Cass City, died Friday, Dec. 31, 1999, in Hills and Dales General Hospital.

She was born Aug. 16, 1922, in Novesta Township to Percy G. and Emma M. (McCool) Read.

She worked for Smith's Luggage in Bay City for 32 years. She and her sister, Maxine, lived together and cared for each other all of their life. They worked for 26 years remodeling their home. Anabell was a member of the Deford Community Church.

She is survived by her sister, Maxine Marion Read of Cass City. She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant brother.

Funeral services were held Monday in Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with Pastor David Mercer of Deford Community Church officiating.

Interment was in Novesta Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Deford Community Church.

Larry Samuelson Sr.

Larry Allen Samuelson Sr., 61, of Caro, died Dec. 29, 1999, at Huron Memorial Hospital in Bad Axe following a lingering illness.

He was born Dec. 31, 1937, in Bagley, Minn., the son of Lester and Buda (Johnson) Samuelson. He married Marlyneen Morey Aug. 19, 1957, in Minnesota. They moved to the Caro area to make their home in 1969.

He was a member of the Millwrights Union #1102 in Detroit. For 34 years, the union sent him out to the various millwright jobs throughout the state. He also held a journeyman's card as a printer and carpenter. He was a member of the Caro Moose Lodge and the Caro Eagles, Aerie 3587. The last 5 years, he and Marlyneen spent traveling in their RV to Arizona in the winter and back to Michigan for the summers.

Surviving besides his wife are one daughter and her husband and one son; Joann and Leonard Samuelson-Ballor of Caro and Michael Samuelson and his fiancee Jennifer McGraf, both of Caro; 2 grandsons, Samuel Putnam and Zachary Putnam of Caro; 3 sisters and 4 brothers, Louise Charon of Lincoln, Neb., Bruce Samuelson of Hayward, Calif., Arlene Whitcomb of Topeka, Kans., David Samuelson of Perham, Minn., Darwin Samuelson of Detroit Lakes, Minn., Dean Johnson of Tucson, Ariz., Karen Johnson of Maple Grove, Minn., and many nieces and nephews.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by a son, Larry A. Samuelson Jr. in 1975 and a sister, Bonnie Spier.

In respect of his wishes, cremation has taken place with a private family memorial service to be held later.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials directed to the family or to the Crippled Children's Fund.

The Ransford Funeral Home of Caro assisted the family with these arrangements.

Clarence Thomas Stevenson

Tom Stevenson, 86, of South Lyon, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2000, in Martin Luther Memorial Home, South Lyon, after a long illness.

He was born May 23, 1913, in Jewell County, Kan., to John and Bertha A. (Wilson) Stevenson. He married Velma May McDaniel Nov. 9, 1932, in Belleville, Kan.

He graduated from Burr Oak High School in Burr Oak, Kan. both of his parents had been school teachers at one time. Tom and Velma moved to Michigan in 1937. He farmed for several years, also worked construction and then worked at the Ford Tractor dealership in South Lyon for 10 years. He later worked for General Motors Proving Grounds, retiring in 1974 after 19 years. After his retirement he worked in the hardware store in South Lyon and helped collect property taxes for Lyon Township. He attended the New Hudson United Methodist Church and participated in the church men's club.

He is survived by his wife, Velma; children, Mary Ann Gaffka of Wixom, Vera M. Hock of Kingston, Joyce (Charles) Maltese of Gold River, Calif.; 7 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and the 14th due in April; brother, Delbert (Madalyn) Stevenson of Mankato, Kan., and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Anthony Gaffka, and sister and brother-in-law, Lydia and Lee Sage.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, 2000, in New Hudson United Methodist Church with the Rev. Robert A. Mitchinson officiating.

Visitation will be 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, and 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in Phillips Funeral Home, South Lyon.

Interment will be in South Lyon Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to New Hudson United Methodist Church or Martin Luther Memorial Home.

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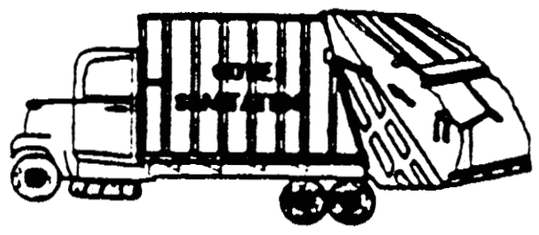

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Thanksgiving: November 23, 2000 (Thursday)
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Notices

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Worship Service
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Evening Service
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Pastor: David Edwards
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Eggs & Pancakes
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9-11 a.m.
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Notices

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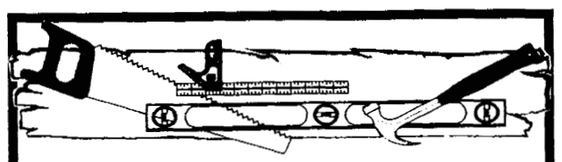

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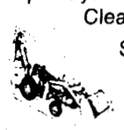

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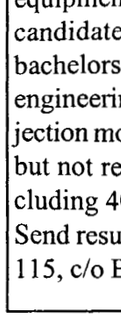

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11-12-29-2

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Friday, January 7th

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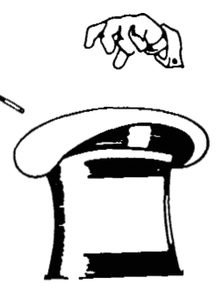

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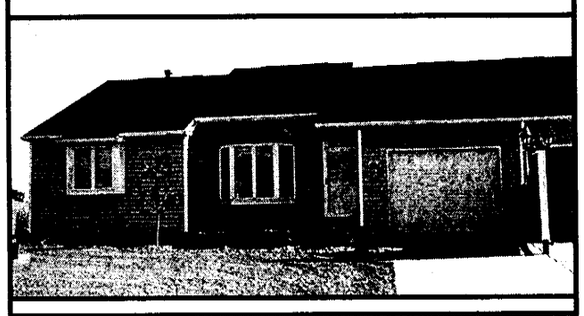

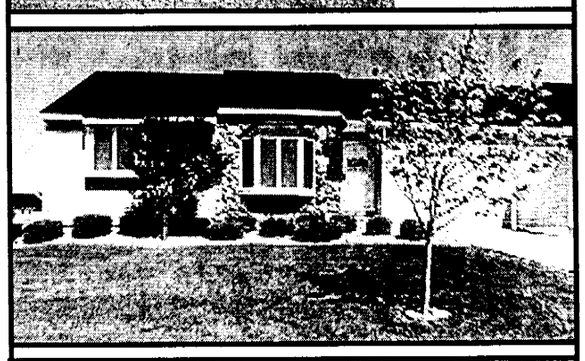

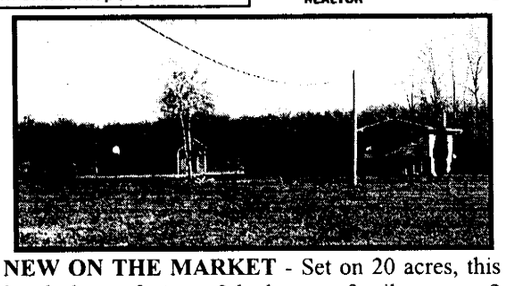

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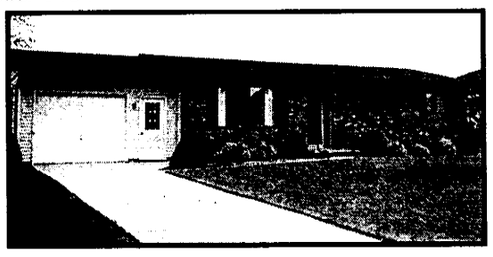
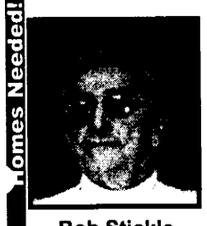


Lovely Ranch Home with 3 bedrooms, main floor laundry room, vaulted ceiling and skylight. Full basement, large deck off dining area. Call today. TCC1291

Beautiful Country Home - 2 story brick home, remodeled with large open rooms, oak kitchen cabinets, fireplace, open staircase, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, office, studio room, breezeway. Beautifully landscaped yard with inground sprinklers. Call today and we have the key. Cy2156



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- **New on the Market** - Wooded country lot, 150'x330'. Owner will survey. Caro area.
- **New on the Market** - 1/2 mile of road frontage with this 40 acre parcel of land. Approximately 30 acres wooded, balance is farmable. Old trailer on property for hunting cabin. A426
- **Very nice 4 wooded acres in Caseville**. Beach access across the road.
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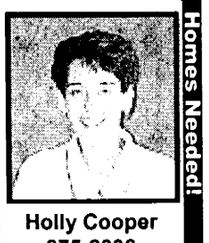

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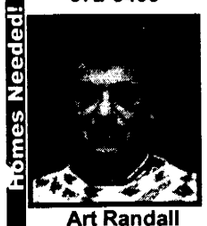

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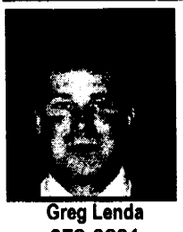

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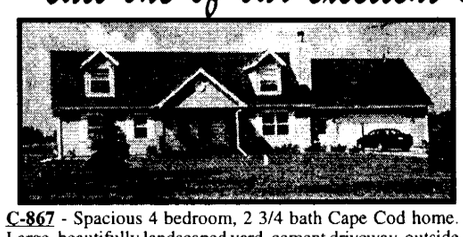
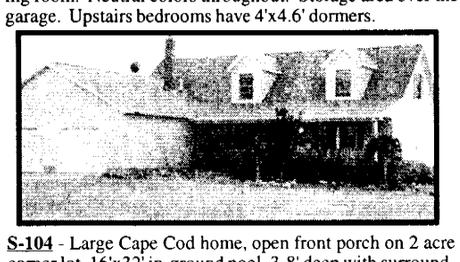
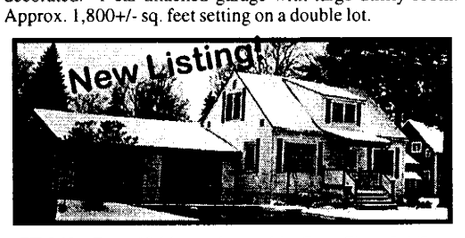


C-867 - Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 3/4 bath Cape Cod home. Large, beautifully landscaped yard, cement driveway, outside lights, rear deck off the dining room. Wood fireplace in living room. Neutral colors throughout. Storage area over the garage. Upstairs bedrooms have 4'x4.6' dormers.

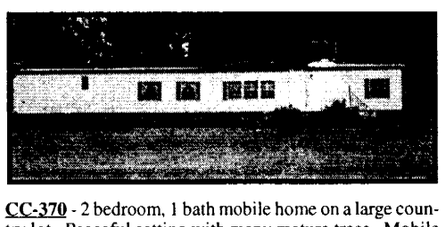
CCT-223 - Large Family Home. 3 large bedrooms, open staircase, brick fireplace in family room. Kitchen has been redecorated. 1 car attached garage with large utility room. Approx. 1,800+/- sq. feet setting on a double lot.



S-104 - Large Cape Cod home, open front porch on 2 acre corner lot. 16'x32' in-ground pool, 3-8' deep with surrounding cement patio. Two 12'x14' decks. 64'x64' shed with cement floor. 20'x64' storage with 2 horse stalls.



CT-240 - Beautiful home located in Cass City. 2 1/2 car garage. Central air, 3 bedrooms, possible 4th with w/finished basement. Everything you need in one house.



CC-370 - 2 bedroom, 1 bath mobile home on a large country lot. Peaceful setting with many mature trees. Mobile home is a 1974 Crown Haven.

C-873 - Deer Hunters' Delight!! 2 bedroom, 1 bath mobile home on 2.5 acres. Mobile home needs lots of TLC. State land throughout the area. Lots of trees on the property.

A-132 6 acres, wooded with creek running through property. Edison, phone and natural gas to driveway. 2 prime building sites!
A-319 Great building site! 10 acre parcel located in Ellington Township, Section 23. Property is tillable, large ditch runs through property.
A-320 Great building site! 10 acre parcel located in Ellington Township, Section 23. Property is tillable, large ditch runs through property.
A-321 Great building site! 10 acre parcel located in Ellington Township, Section 23. Property is approximately 5% wooded. Property is tillable, large ditch runs through property.
A-322 Great building site! 10 acre parcel located in Ellington Township, Section 23. Property is approximately 30% wooded. Property is tillable, large ditch runs through property.
L-380 2.2 acre parcel, close to town on paved road. Great building site!
A-309 28.3 acres - 18.3 tillable, 10 acres are wooded with Pinnebog River running through property. Prime hunting, wonderful building site!

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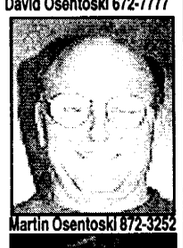

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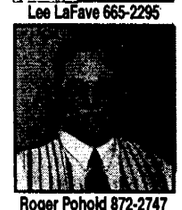

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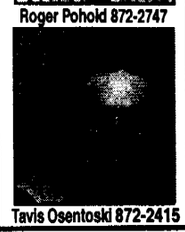

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Legal Notices

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John M. Hill a single man and Tammy L. Dubs a single woman (original mortgagors) to DMR Financial Services, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 22, 1998, and recorded on July 23, 1998 in Liber 745, on Page 955-960, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-NINE THOUSAND SIXTY-SEVEN AND 76/100 dollars ($49,067.76), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on February 18, 2000.

Said premises are situated in VILLAGE OF GAGETOWN, Township of Elmwood, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 17, Block 1 of James Cleaver's Addition to the Village of Gagetown, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 57, now being Page 1B.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 5, 2000

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas W. Blossom, Jr. a single man (original mortgagors) to National City Mortgage Company, successor by merger and/or name change to First of America Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated July 22, 1998, and recorded on July 22, 1998 in Liber 745, on Page 765-775, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX AND 66/100 dollars ($125,236.66), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on February 18, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF INDIANFIELDS, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 31, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, thence North 89 degrees 29 minutes East 916.01 feet along the South line of said Section 31; thence North 0 degrees 02 minutes 13 seconds West 75.08 feet to the point of beginning: Running thence North 0 degrees 02 minutes 13 seconds West, 1249.26 feet; thence North 89 degrees 28 minutes 01 seconds East 246.42 feet along the South one eighth line of said Section 31; thence South 0 degrees 26 minutes 35 seconds West, 1249.46 feet; thence South 89 degrees 29 minutes West, 235.96 feet along the Northerly right of way line of State Trunkline M-46 to the point of beginning. Being part of the Southwest quarter of Section 31, Town 12 North, Range 9 East. Right of Way for M-46 (Sanilac Road) over the Southerly side thereof.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 5, 2000

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MORTGAGE SALE-Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Alan J. Hebert, a single man (original mortgagors) to NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated June 8, 1994, and recorded on June 8, 1994 in Liber 659, on Page 1374-1379, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Federal National Mortgage Association, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, Assignee by an assignment dated November 29, 1999, which was recorded on December 14, 1999, in Liber 790, on Page 793, Tuscola County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of THIRTY-FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN AND 21/100 dollars ($34,787.21), including interest at 8.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on February 18, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Commencing at a point of the West line of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, which point is 50 Rods 9 feet South of the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 13, thence East 16 Rods, thence South 10 Rods, thence West 16 Rods to the Section line, thence North along the Section line 10 Rods to the place of beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 8 East.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 5, 2000

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas P. MATAKO and Lynn M. MATAKO husband and wife (original mortgagors) to National City Bank successor by merger and/or name change to First of America Bank-Michigan N.A., Mortgagee, dated February 24, 1995, and recorded on March 20, 1995 in Liber 671, on Page 607, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE AND 18/100 dollars ($56,873.18), including interest at 9.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on February 4, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF INDIANFIELDS, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Beginning 1266 feet West of the Southeast Corner of Section 7, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, running thence North 450 feet, thence West 200 feet, thence South 450 feet, thence East 200 feet to point of beginning, subject to the right of way for Dixon Road over the Southerly side thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 22, 1999

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Patrick O. Hauger an unmarried man (original mortgagors) to Flagstar Bank, FSB f/k/a First Security Savings Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated July 15, 1994, and recorded on July 19, 1994 in Liber 661, on Page 1158, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-ONE AND 64/100 dollars ($40,841.64), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on January 21, 2000.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF VASSAR, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 150.00 feet of a parcel of land described as: Beginning at a point on the North-South quarter line 330.00 feet North of the South quarter corner of Section 23, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, thence North 1006.50 feet along the North-South quarter line to the South 1/8 line; thence South 89 degrees 27 minutes West 647.12 feet along the South 1/8 line; thence South 0 degrees 17 minutes East, 1005.60 feet thence North 89 degrees 34 minutes 30 seconds East, 644.10 feet parallel to the South Section line to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 8, 1999

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MORTGAGE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Matthew Patrick Byczek, A Single Man, to Pines Mortgage Corp., mortgagee, dated July 16, 1997 and recorded August 18, 1997 in Liber 718, Page 091, Tuscola County Records said mortgage is now held by Resource Bancorp Mortgage Group, Inc., by assignment dated August 7, 1998 and recorded on February 24, 1999 in Liber 764, Page 393 and re-recorded on April 12, 1999 in Liber 768 on Page 520, Tuscola County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Twenty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-Six and 70/100 Dollars ($27,686.70) including interest at the rate of 13% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on February 4, 2000.

The premises are located in the Township of Wells, Tuscola County, Michigan, and are described as:

Part of the Southeast quarter of Section 10, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, described as: commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 10, Town 12 North, Range 10 East, thence East 208.708 feet; thence South 207.708 feet; thence West 208.708 feet; thence North 208.708 feet of the place of beginning. Right of Way for Frankford Road over the northerly side thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale.

Dated: December 22, 1999

ORLANS ASSOCIATES PC
Attorney for Resource Bancorp Mortgage Group, Inc.,
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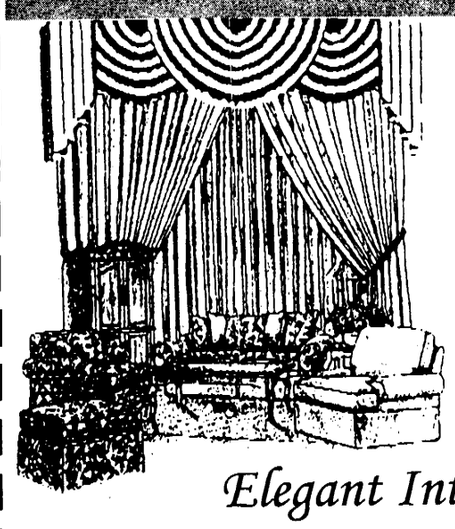

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Letters to the editor

System reduces response time

Dear Editor,

Over the past couple of months there have been a lot of questions from the community concerning seeing an ambulance sitting close to Ellington between Caro and Cass City. To help clear up why you are seeing an ambulance setting close to Ellington, I decided to write this letter.

What the community is seeing is called System Status Management. What is it? Well, System Status Management is used for the purpose of using limited emergency services to their full potential. When an ambulance is on a call in one community the other ambulance is moved to a central location between the 2 communities to help back up that area if they should need another ambulance.

Before the use of System Status Management, the area that had an ambulance on a call and needed a second ambulance would have to wait for the second ambulance to come from the other towns nearby. This at times meant a very long response for the ambulance to get to the location of the call which also meant a longer wait for the patient to get emergency care.

With the use of System Status the second ambulance is moved closer to help back up that area. This means that the response to the next call can be handled more efficiently. The crew is in the ambulance ready to respond and in most cases closer for the next call.

I hope this clears up the questions.

Sincerely,
Randy Gerber
Tuscola County Regional Manager
Mobile Medical Response, Inc.

NO Y2K WORRIES here – The first day of the new year came and went peacefully for these horses, who seemed to enjoy some time watching motorists pass by on Phillips Road, just south of Mushroom Road.

Reduce, reuse, recycle

Dear Editor,

What's your New Year's resolution? I have one we all can keep. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!! This is a beautiful earth, but if we don't take care of it — who will? For the New Year, recycle; it's extremely easy and it's habit forming, ha, ha!

Just go to the Municipal Building (the old Chemical Bank building next to Fairway) and pick up a green recycling container. Put glass, plastics, aluminum cans, etc., in the container and set it out by the road on your garbage day.

And God bless you in 2000.

P.S. The Municipal Building phone number is 872-2911. Just do it!!

Thank-you,
Sincerely,
Amy Hoffman

Schwaderer devoted his life

Dear Editor,

I realize "The Haire Net" couldn't include all the people who contributed to the welfare of Cass City, but to omit "Chick" Schwaderer seems a shame.

Chick quietly devoted his life to this town.

Pat Gee

Letters to the Editor

The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won't be used in the newspaper.

Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason.

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